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Using a Network Communication Device

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

The Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on August 21, 2002, the three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring on November 21, 2002.

REMARKS

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The Office Action mailed August 21, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in response thereto. At the outset, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the Applicants' representative during the telephone interview conducted on September 3, 2002.

Claims 1, 2 and 8-50 and 129-148 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,890,140 to Clark et al. ("Clark"), and claims 3-5 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark. Claims 1-50 and 129-148 are pending in the present application.

In view of the following remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-50 and 129-148 are allowable over the cited art, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending § 102 and § 103 rejections.